

**Saint Peter**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



## THOUGHTS AFTER THE MAY 16-18 SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN EL PASO

Several years ago, the ELCA's Rocky Mountain Synod planned its Annual Assembly for El Paso...but COVID had other plans. The pandemic pushed the event (which is most often held along the Front Range in Colorado) to 2023, which coincidentally occurred within days of Title 42 expiring. This, combined with a continuing war in Ukraine and instability in Venezuela and other Central and South American countries, has created what some are calling a "border crisis" where 12-14,000 migrants are reaching the US-Mexico border every day.

While this year's Synod Assembly included the usual voting, a presentation from the ELCA churchwide staff and other business, the event's worship services, four-part Bible study and speakers focused specifically on human migration and how that impacts ministry along the border region. Most significantly, all assembly participants had an opportunity to go on a "mini immersion" that Wednesday to visit with ministry leaders and migrants.

### FROM PASTOR MIKE...

After my time in El Paso, I am confident Christ's church is called to find ways to care for people being displaced by violence, the drug trade, climate change, extreme inflation and other destabilizing issues. I plan to communicate with our legislators, not in a partisan way but as a follower of Jesus Christ who believes in the best of what our nation can be. I will also be living into my call as your pastor to help you discern how you might be called to respond. I'm looking forward to co-hosting a six-part Bible study on the first three chapters of Exodus provided by the RMS in the coming months.

### FROM SARA LANCASTER...

There were many powerful moments and much that I plan to learn more about, but likely my most impactful moment came at the border wall where I saw just how close parts of the wall is to homes. My group stood there in a circle and prayed for all those trying to be reunited with family and trying to live a life where they can work and live peacefully. I plan to return for a longer immersion, probably with my family when the kids are older and can participate in a service project in Mexico.



### LESSONS FOR TODAY

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

### LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8 (1)  
II Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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### FROM JEANNE MALONEY...

The keynote speaker, Rueben Garcia (Director of the Annunciation House), told us that he hoped we were in El Paso to witness the “consequences of our policies” at the border. By “our,” he meant the United States. Folks often comment that immigrants should just follow the laws of the US. This certainly seems reasonable AND it seems reasonable to expect that those laws are just. I believe the Bible would say, “just means morally right and fair, treating all people with dignity and concern for their well-being.”

### FROM ALLISON SUMMERTON...

For my mini-immersion, I visited Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Cultural Center in El Paso. There were three families with children from Venezuela and two Kurdish families from Turkey staying there. Using Google Translate, I spoke with a mother and her three boys from Turkey who plan to travel to New Jersey to live and work with her brother. Although she was relieved to finally find shelter and to make plans to go to New Jersey, she was grieving because she left behind her 19-year-old son, who was recently conscripted to serve in the military in Turkey. It was so very clear that she would not have left Turkey without her son if she had had another option.

For more photos, links to resources, and the full set of thoughts from these Saint Peter travelers, visit

<https://www.stplc.org/our-life-together/rmselca-assembly-2023>. ❖



### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Pentecost is upon us! Stay after church to enjoy birthday cake and to make a windsock. See you in the Fellowship Hall. It's the Church's Birthday and we are CELEBRATING.

### NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Confirmation, LIFT and Sunday School is off for the summer. There are no official after-Worship activities planned for the next several weeks.

### TO NEW BEGINNINGS

## A NOTE FROM SARA LANCASTER

This issue of *Our Life Together* will be my final production as an employee of Saint Peter Lutheran Church. *I am delighted to pass the baton to Arielle Wilson* (StPLC's accompanist) who has a great deal of experience as a communicator. Word is, she's great with a camera, too!

It's been a joy to do the work of Congregation Communications the last four and a half years. I've learned so much about how church “works” and about my faith, too. I've wholeheartedly loved working with all the staff and ministry leaders, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays as a fellow church member! ❖



JULY 10-13

## DAY CAMP AT SAINT PETER

Find print registration forms in the Narthex or scan the QR code here to access the online registration form. All kids ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to attend for FREE! ❖



## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Marshall Roth - Sunday  
Linda Henke - Tuesday  
Andy Mohrhaus - Tuesday  
Bill Hunter - Wednesday  
Susan Hinchey Johnson - Wednesday  
Jerry Mayer - Thursday  
Kami Mach - Thursday  
Rob Laurie - Thursday  
Brenna Howie - Thursday - Brenna is 11!  
Ken Clair - Friday  
Max Steiner - Saturday  
Shawn O'Keefe - Saturday  
Matthew Bainbridge - Saturday

### BAPTISMS

Stephanie Guthals - Monday  
Matthew Glaser - Monday  
Julian Buerk - Tuesday  
Jonah Buerk - Tuesday  
Max Steiner - Thursday

### ANNIVERSARIES

Alan & Susan Greene  
Monday - 41 years!

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

### MINISTER

Pastor Mike

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Jo Kurowski

### LECTOR

Stephanie Guthals

### HOSTS

Sara Lancaster & Denise Leighton

### ALTAR GUILD

Shelly Hunter

### COUNCIL LEADERSHIP REP OPEN

### NEXT WEEK'S LEADERSHIP REP

Steve Haigh

### FUTURE WORSHIP SERVANTS

Please sign up to serve at <https://tinyurl.com/worshipservant>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement you'd like lifted up at the end of worship, please reach out to the day's leadership rep.

## PRAYER CONCERNS (\*NEW THIS WEEK)

<b>*Del Hooker</b>	Friend of Saint Peter	Recovering from hip surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort.
<b>*Bethany Laurie, *Brittany Hass, *Allison Summerton</b>	Saint Peter Members	All recovering from broken arms (in same week!!). Prayers of healing and comfort.
<b>Anne Hillestad</b>	Friend of Davi and Russ Rowe	Advance MS as well as a very slow and complicated wound healing subsequent to surgery. Will have to stay in nursing care until late fall.
<b>Julie Scott</b>	Friend of Davi and Russ Rowe	Had suffered a series of serious and debilitating strokes due to her Type 1 diabetes. Can no longer live independently.
<b>Janet Okerman</b>	Saint Peter Member	Prayers of healing for a broken pelvis after sustaining a fall in a bike accident.
<b>Dottie Summerton</b>	Jed & Allison Summerton's sister-in-law	Prayers for peace and comfort for Dottie and her family as she nears end of life.
<b>Kathy Schramek</b>	Sister of Allison Summerton	Life/health issues. Prayers of support.
<b>Stan Martin</b>	Saint Peter Member	Recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor. Continued health concerns due to cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
<b>Kelly Fritz-Williams</b>	Friend of Nate Gerhart	Recovering breast cancer surgery on Mar. 29. Prayers of healing.
<b>Rob Reiber</b>	Saint Peter Member	Rob is experiencing continued health struggles. Prayers for Rob's healing and for Allegra's strength.
<b>Mary Ekstrand</b>	Mother of Deb Paul	Health issues. Prayers for healing and comfort.
<b>Darlene Renevier</b>	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing and comfort.
<b>Matt Knopf</b>	Friend of Adam & Brittany Hass	Diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in his lymph system. Prayers as he begins several months of chemo.
<b>Wil Vogel</b>	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
<b>Aron Jarrett</b>	Lori Williams' Cousin	Recovering from reconstructive thoracic spine surgery, with a spine cancer diagnosis. Prayers for comfort, healing and strength.
<b>Sharon Bruen</b>	DJ Bruen's Mother	Living in hospice care.
<b>Karen Koenig</b>	Judy Sickinger's Sister	Health issues due to cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
<b>Dave Pellitier</b>	Laura Guthals' Friend; Covenant Cupboard Volunteer	Prayers for peace and comfort as he undergoes difficult cancer treatments.
<b>Shirlie Walters</b>	Kami Mach's Mother	Prayers for comfort and support as she deals with low-functioning kidneys.
<b>Diane Acree</b>	Tom Acree's Wife	In final stage of kidney disease. Prayers that a living kidney donor can be identified quickly.
<b>Don Doehling</b>	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for continued strength and healing.
<b>Berniece Arsenault</b>	Jackie Skiles' Friend	Prayers of comfort and support as she nears the end of her baptismal journey.
<b>Roger Hoyer</b>	Lori Williams' Uncle	Health issues. Prayers for strength and healing.
<b>Donna O'Keefe</b>	Shawn O'Keefe's Mother	Experiencing heart issues. Prayers for healing.
<b>Tom Eggold</b>	Jackie Skiles' Friend	Prayers of support and comfort as he nears the end of his baptismal journey.
<b>Robert Bunke</b>	Jim Bunke's Father	Health issues from congestive heart failure. Prayers for comfort.

### THIS MORNING

## THE BAPTISM OF LUCY CLAIRE KRANZ

This morning we are blessed to celebrate with Lucy Claire Kranz as she is welcomed into the faith and hope that we share, through the waters of baptism. Lucy is presented for the sacrament by her parents, Kevin and Chelsea Kranz, her siblings, Scarlett and Owen, and by her Godparent, Ali Kranz. Welcome to our family of faith, Lucy, and to the promises of Christ. "You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." ✝

### THANK YOU

## FROM PASTOR MICHAEL MORTVEDT

Thank you for the very generous gift card from REI! I have already started shopping with it for my bike trip in Acadia National Park in June, so I will be well equipped for the journey. I may also have a new backpacking tent for Inge and me in the future. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Pastor Michael ✝

## OUR UPCOMING WEEK

<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online
10:15 a.m.	<b>LIFT</b> (Last one of the season!)
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
7:30 a.m.	Meditation Online
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	BNI Meeting (FH)
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Conversation Onsite (FH) and Online
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study Onsite and Online (FH)
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)
<b>JUNE 2</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>JUNE 3</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
11:00 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (CH)
<b>JUNE 4</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Onsite (WC) and Online

For any questions concerning details about an event, please check the Event Calendar on the StPLC website: [www.stplc.org/calendar](http://www.stplc.org/calendar)

### WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Greenwood Village. We are happy you are here.

#### ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance form that is passed around during the Children's Message. We promise not to share your information with any third parties or add you to our mailing list unless you request it.

#### CHILDREN

Children are invited to worship in the Worship Center alongside the big kids and the adults, even if they are noisy. Kids can help themselves to a "Busy Bag" that hangs on the Pencil Hook and hang out in the "Pray Ground" in the southwest corner of the Worship Center, too.

*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.*  
Mark 10:13-16

However, if you and/or your child need a break, you can find an unattended nursery next to the restroom down the hall. Children are also welcome to take communion. A blessing can be provided in lieu of the meal if that is mom or dad's preference.

#### COMMUNION

You are welcome at the communion table regardless of your specific religious affiliation or age. You can learn more about Saint Peter Lutheran Church's views on communion on our website at [www.stplc.org/what-we-believe/#communion](http://www.stplc.org/what-we-believe/#communion). If you choose to worship online and would also like to celebrate communion, you are invited to participate in this sacred act as well. Read more about at-home communion on our website here: <https://bit.ly/36OSW5R>

## WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Worship onsite/online

See [stplc.org](http://stplc.org) for access links

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are welcomed into God's love just as we are. We are sent into God's world to be a reflection of Christ.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:1,8